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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE SELECTMEN AND PAID TO THE TREASURER.

Cash on hand March 1, 1880,	$12 43	
" by Note reported more than was due,	3 58	
" hired of George H. Floyd,	150 00	
" of George F. Beede, Agent,	396 71	
" of T. R. Currier, expense of W. Clough,	7 50	
" County Treasurer, support of paupers,	168 75	
" of State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	28 89	
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	111 91	
" " " Literary Fund,	42 55	
" " " Bounties,	2 60	
" for use of hearse out of town,	1 00	
		$925 92

Compliments of GEORGE F. BEEDE, CHARLES W. FOLLETT, ANDREW J. BROWN, } Selectmen of Fremont.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of the Selectmen,	$925 92
" " Andrew J. Brown, Collector,	5 31
" " Daniel C. Hook, "	171 42

Received of Joseph B. Sanborn, Collector,	2463 00	
		$3565 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Public Taxes,	$1167 59	
Support of Schools,	701 66	
Non-resident Highway Labor,	97 32	
Support of Poor,	270 00	
Breaking Roads,	46 44	
Abatement of Taxes,	15 12	
Paid Notes and Interest,	544 26	
Highways and Bridges,	94 89	
Miscellaneous Bills,	96 89	
Services of Town Officers,	158 50	
Cash on hand to balance,	372 98	
		$3565 65

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	$468 00	
County Tax,	699 59	
		$1167 59

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid School District No. 1,	$152 63	
" " No. 2,	167 27	
" " No. 3,	119 29	
" " No. 4,	68 43	
School House Tax, District No. 2,	80 00	
" " " " No. 4,	114 04	
		$701 66

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY LABOR.

Paid Dist. No. 1,	$2 00	
" No. 3,	1 63	
" No. 4,	18 36	
" No. 5,	7 13	
" No. 6,	7 12	
" No. 7,	1 50	
" No. 8,	3 70	
" No. 9,	55 88	
		$97 32

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid for support of Truman H. Leavitt,	$106 00	
" " " Samuel Trickey,	84 50	
" " " Jeremiah Worthen,	7 00	
" " " Asa Worthen,	24 00	
" " " Frances Bean,	28 50	
" " " Josiah R. West,	8 00	
" " " Warren Clough,	7 50	
" " " Carr Gilman,	3 00	
" " " Transient,	1 50	
		$270 00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Dist. No. 1,	$4 13	
" No. 2,	22 85	
" No. 6,	3 58	
" No. 7,	9 88	
" No. 9,	6 00	
		$46 44

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Bruce D. Osgood, dog died,	$1 00
Joseph B. Sanborn, dog died,	1 00

Paid James Winslow, horse died,	81	
Ashbury Brown's tax, 1878,	1 12	
Boardman Poor, Jr's., tax, 1878,	1 32	
John Brown, Jr's., tax, 1879,	2 51	
Ashbury Brown's tax, 1879,	1 48	
Amos Colby's tax, 1879,	1 09	
Robert McDaniel's tax, 1879,	1 09	
Horace Week's tax, 1879,	1 48	
Leonard G. Spaulding's tax, 1880,	1 11	
Albert H. Twombley's tax, 1880,	1 11	
		$15 12

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Lucy A. Brown,	$61 87	
Sarah E. Wilbur,	59 96	
George H. Floyd,	152 10	
Mary Currier,	104 00	
Treasurer Universalist Society, interest to March 1, 1881,	166 33	
		$544 26

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid James W. Wilkinson, for labor,	$4 39
Jay P. Barrett, for labor,	2 50
Phineas Beede, Jr., for labor,	3 12
Benjamin Woodman, for labor,	3 50
Phineas B. Beede, for labor,	7 35
Andrew J. Brown, for labor,	2 00
Ezra Currier, for labor,	1 87
George F. Beede, for labor,	4 50
Ira Hylan, for labor,	50
Grading hill, near J. F. Hartford's house,	31 21
D. L. Harvey, use road maker,	12 00
George F. Beede, moving road maker,	4 00

Paid Harrison Sanborn, for 336 feet plank,	6 70	
Joseph B. Sanborn, 100 feet plank,	1 00	
" " " gravel,	3 00	
" " " railing road,	1 50	
Samuel Trickey, Jr., for covering stone,	1 50	
Benj. Woodman, powder and fuse,	2 75	
" " use drills,	1 50	
		$94 89

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid for printing town reports,	$12 00
Geo. E. Lane, blank books and sta.,	15 55
For Assessor's scales,	2 00
Dr. Caverly, returning deaths and births,	1 25
Dr. Gould, " " "	75
Dr. Gibbs, " " "	50
Freeman W. Follett, setting glass and painting hearse,	7 06
Bounties 12 hawks,	2 40
W. W. Stickney, counsel,	2 00
Wiggin & Fuller, counsel,	4 00
Geo. F. Beede, use horse 15 days,	15 00
" " " stationery, express and postage,	1 30
Geo. F. Beede, expense to Portsmouth,	1 75
" " " distributing reports,	2 00
Charles W. Follett, use horse 1 day,	1 00
Andrew J. Brown, " "	1 00
" " " dist'bng reports 1881,	2 00
B. T. Tilton, damages on highway,	4 86
Printing Collector's bills,	1 00
Geo. H. Floyd, 7 journeys with hearse,	10 50
" " " cleaning and heating town house,	1 00
Wm. H. Gibson, room for Supervisors,	2 00

Paid Ezra Currier, expense to Concord,	2 50	
J. Benfield, glass, putty and oil,	3 47	
		$ 96 89

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Geo. F. Beede, Selectman, 25 1-2 days,	$38 25	
Chas. W. Follett, " 8 2-3 days,	18 00	
Andrew J. Brown " 7 2-3 days,	11 50	
Jonathan B. Robinson, Supervisor,	6 75	
Joseph B. Sanborn, "	6 75	
Wm. H. Gibson, "	6 75	
Phineas B. Beede, "	3 00	
Cyrus A. Gove, "	3 00	
John L. Martin, "	2 25	
Theodore B. Smith, Town Clerk,	14 00	
Joseph B. Sanborn, Collector,	25 00	
Ezra Currier, Town Treasurer,	13 00	
Benj. T. Sanborn, School Committee,	17 25	
		$158 50

EZRA CURRIER, Town Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$372 98	
Due from County for paupers,	17 50	
" " Charles H. Whittier, tramp house,	17 00	
" " Daniel C. Hook, Collector, 1879,	16 58	
" " Joseph B. Sanborn, " 1880,	73 89	
		$497 95
Town indebtedness March 1, 1880,		$79 03
Gain for the year ending March 1, 1881,		$576 98

GEORGE F. BEEDE,
CHARLES W. FOLLETT,
ANDREW J. BROWN,
} Selectmen of Fremont.

AGENT'S REPORT.

Cash on hand March 2, 1878,	$29 55	
1880.		
Sept. 21, received cash on Dr. Batchelder's Note,	271 48	
Sept. 21, received interest on Dr. Batchelder's Note,	50 58	
Sept. 21, cash of Dr. Batchelder for I. L. and Ruth H. Robinson, on execution,	34 10	
Sept. 21, cash of T. B. Hoyt, surety on bond,	21 00	
		$406 71
1880.		
Sept. 21, paid W. W. Stickney, for collecting note, claim and bond,	10 00	
Sept. 22, paid the Selectmen,	396 71	
		$406 71

Whole amount of funds received by the town from the estate of Sarah A. Chase:

1877.	
Aug. 8, paid the Selectmen,	1000 00
1880.	
Sept. 22, paid the Selectmen,	396 71
	$1396 71

For additional information I report, that a part of the execution against I. L. and Ruth H. Robinson, was allowed Dr. Batchelder, with the consent of the Judge of Probate, for his services in attending court, in addition to his charges allowed when he settled his account.

The interest on one-half of the execution was discounted to T. B. Hoyt in the settlement with him as surety on the bond. One-half of the execution and interest was paid by Moses Brown, surety on the bond, and included in my report to the town March 2, 1878.

GEORGE F. BEEDE, Agent.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, having been appointed Auditor to examine the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Agent for the year ending March 1, 1881, reports, that having carefully examined the same, he is satisfied that they are correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers, and that the above statement made by the said Selectmen with regard to the present financial condition of the town appears correct.

PERLEY ROBINSON, Auditor.

Fremont, Feb. 23, 1881.

NOTE.—As there has been some difference of opinion expressed in regard to the application of the interest of the

fund given to the town of Fremont, for poor people, in the will of Sarah A. Chase, the Selectmen have procured a certified copy of the will, and for the information and enlightenment of a few citizens of the town, quote the clause in full, which is as follows:

"Fourteenth and Lastly"—"I give, bequeath, and devise unto the Town of Fremont, New Hampshire, and its successors to hold in trust forever, all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wherever found and however situated; and the said town shall annually expend the interest thereof for the support and comfort of the poor people in said town, not supported by the County of Rockingham."

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SHERBURN SANBORN—PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

REBECCA A. SANBORN—TEACHER.

Spring term of twelve weeks commenced April 12, and closed July 2. Scholars enrolled, 25. Average attendance, 23. Fall term of twelve weeks began Oct. 4, and closed Dec. 31. Scholars enrolled, 34. Average attendance, 19. Wages of teacher, $24 per month.

In this, as in some other schools, lack of punctuality diminishes the interest and greatly hinders the general progress of the pupils. Good progress was, however, made by the larger part of the scholars. Owing to sickness the teacher was obliged to give up the school near the middle of the fall term, and it was finished by B. T. Sanborn.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

CHARLES W. FOLLETT—PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

ELVIRA C. GORDON—TEACHER.

The spring term commenced April 19, and closed June 21. The fall term began Sept. 13, and closed Nov. 5. The winter term began Nov. 29, and closed Jan. 21, 1881.

Scholars enrolled the first term, 43. Average attendance, 34. Scholars enrolled the second term, 49. Average

attendance, 39. Attendance on the third term, 39. Average attendance, 33. Wages of teacher, $28 per month.

Miss Gordon taught with her usual success, and the very highest results were attained. Too much credit can hardly be given her for the very efficient manner in which she conducted the three successive terms of school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SAMUEL TRICKEY, JR.—PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

There were two terms of school taught by Elizabeth B. Rowe. Summer term began May 3, and closed July 2. Whole number of scholars, 21. Average attendance, 15. Fall term began Sept. 13, and closed Dec. 17. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average attendance, 11. Wages of teacher per month, $20.

Miss Rowe taught with undiminished zeal and perseverance. The scholars, though fewer in number and younger in years, showed thoroughness of drill and progress equal to those who enjoyed the benefits of the school in terms past.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SAMUEL COPP—PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

FLORA M. TUCK—TEACHER.

Spring term began May 3, and closed June 25. Scholars enrolled, 22. Average attendance, 19. Fall term began August 16, and closed Oct. 8. Scholars enrolled, 22. Average attendance, 21. Wages of teacher, $16 per month.

This was Miss Tuck's first effort in teaching and was highly successful. A firm hand and gentle manners won the esteem of her pupils, and advanced them another step on the road to a useful education. The attendance was the best of any school in town. It is to be hoped that other parents will awake to the importance of punctuality on the part of every scholar in town.

REMARKS.

It becomes my duty, at the close of the school year, to report the condition and progress of our schools. To a certain extent each school has been successfully taught. The teachers have been persevering and faithful. Many of the parents have labored in unison with the teachers to promote the efficiency and success of the schools, while others have almost wholly neglected the means provided for the education of their children. Absence from school has been far too frequent with some, and others, whom the law requires should attend school, have been absent nearly the whole of the school year.

Now since education and correct habits lead to a useful life, and ignorance is known as the parent of many vices and most of the crimes of the land, greater effort ought to be made to reach those who are habitually absent from the place of instruction. Most frequently it is the children of the poor and uneducated who receive the least benefit from our free schools. Ignorant, and too often intemperate parents, are indifferent to the welfare of the young, and seem content to let them grow to maturity without culture and without any definite occupation. From this neglected class comes the majority of our paupers and criminals. Now if the old adage is true, that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," let us strike at the root of the matter and make our common schools the grand highway to general intelligence, sobriety and industry. At a trifling expense to the town the poorer children can be provided with books and drawn to school without resorting to more forcible measures. Let us try this and note the result.

BENJ. T. SANBORN,

Superintendent School Committee.

Feb. 21, 1881.

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